GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2034
ANSWERED ON:09.03.2001
EXPORT WHEAT RICE AND SUGAR
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the wheat, rice and sugar produced in the country is not being exported in sufficient quantity owing to its lower price in the international market;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(c) the average price of the above mentioned items in the international market in the first nine months of the year 2000-2001 and the official issue price of the above items for the consumers?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI CHAUHAN)

(a) & (b) : During April-November, 2000, 9.35 lakh MTs of rice and 795 MTs of wheat has been exported. FCI has also been authorised to offer 20 lakh MTs of both wheat and rice for export till 31.03.01. A quantity of 11.97 lakh MTs (approx.) of wheat has already been lifted from FCI stocks for export till 04.03.01.A quantity of about 3.73 lakh MTs (Provisional) of sugar has been physically exported upto 17.2.2001.

(c) This information is indicated at the Annexure.

+ Source: DGCIS.

ANNEXURE

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (c) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2034 FOR ANSWER IN THE LOK SABHA ON 9.3.2001.

FOB PRICES OF NON BASMATI RICE FOR THE YEAR 2000 US$/MT)

Months	5% Broken				10% Broken				15% Broken				20%	25% Broken			35%Broken			
	India	Pak	Thai	Viet	India	Pak	Thai	Viet	India	Pak	Thai	Viet	India	Pak	Thai	Viet	India	Pak	Thai	Viet
January	275	-	234	216	-	203	229	205	-	186	224	200	180	250	178	200	188	-	-	195
Febry	275	-	234	200	-	200	228	192	-	181	223	182	176	250	172	198	172	-	-	193
March	275	-	234	200	-	200	228	192	-	181	223	182	176	250	172	198	172	-	-	193
April	275	-	211	185	-	193	205	182	-	173	200	176	167	250	163	182	163	-	-	177
May	285	-	198	173	-	187	193	167	-	173	193	160	166	260	154	171	150	-	-	166
June	266	-	192	165	-	188	187	160	-	177	182	151	163	244	157	165	138	-	-	160
July	260	-	184	180	-	-	179	169	-	185	174	162	179	240	174	163	149	-	-	156
August	260	-	182	183	-	-	177	178	-	193	172	170	185	239	182	161	156	-	-	156
Sept	237	-	177	174	-	-	172	167	-	177	167	151	169	220	165	162	151	-	-	157
October	237	-	187	176	-	192	181	170	-	170	173	165	167	220	162	156	156	-	-	151
Nov	237	-	188	180	-	182	184	177	-	162	180	170	157	220	153	164	158	-	-	159
Dec	237	-	181	171	-	170	174	166	-	154	170	160	149	220	145	155	150	-	-	150

Source: London Rice Broker`s Associates, London.

US WHEAT EXPORT PRICES FOR THE YEAR-2000 NET FOB VESSEL PRICES (US$/MT)

Variety with Protein level

Port	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
HRW-11.0 GM												
(Min)	107	112	110	110	110	116	113	111	112	123	129	128
(Max)	114	116	117	113	112	119	119	117	118	134	134	134
PN (Min)	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
(Max)	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
HRW-11.5												
GM Min)	113	117	115	115	114	120	119	114	118	125	131	130
(Max)	119	122	122	119	116	130	124	123	121	137	136	136
PN (Min)	122	123	118	121	121	127	121	117	119	130	141	139
(Max)	126	129	127	125	123	130	128	126	1126	141	147	146
HRW-12.0												
GM Min)	118	123	122	121	121	126	122	118	119	129	134	133
(Max)	126	129	129	125	124	132	127	127	123	140	138	138
PN (Min)	129	128	123	127	126	132	125	121	122	134	143	140
(Max)	136	135	132	131	129	135	132	129	128	144	148	148
HRW-13.0												
GM Min) (GM-12.5)	NA	NA	NA	NA	124	130	125	122	122	131	136	135
(Max)	NA	NA	NA	NA	127	135	130	131	126	142	140	140
13.0												
PN (Min)	137	136	131	135	130	139	132	127	130	137	146	143
(Max)	145	142	140	138	136	143	139	136	134	147	151	151
WW												
PN (Min)	111	117	113	113	110	114	109	99	101	104	108	110
(Max)	121	120	118	114	114	115	112	107	103	108	112	111
DNS-13.0												
GM Min)	139	139	135	138	138	134	131	125	123	135	143	146
(Max)	141	140	142	142	142	143	136	136	127	146	148	152
PN (Min)	130	135	132	139	138	141	132	126	125	129	147	147
(Max)	141	141	141	143	143	145	140	138	128	144	151	151
DNS-13.5												
GM(Min)	141	142	138	142	141	138	134	128	127	137	146	150
(Max)	143	143	145	146	145	145	139	138	132	137	150	154
PN (Min)	136	139	135	143	144	145	136	130	129	134	150	150
(Max)	142	143	141	146	148	148	143	142	132	147	153	154
DNS-14.0												
GM Min)	142	144	142	145	144	141	137	132	131	139	147	150
(Max)	146	147	149	148	148	149	143	141	136	150	152	156
PN (Min)	141	142	139	147	149	148	140	133	136	140	152	152
(Max)	146	146	148	150	153	153	147	145	138	150	157	157
DNS-14.5												

GM Min) 152 149 146 149 151 149 145 139 138 146 153 154

(Max) 54 151 153 152 155 156 151 149 143 155 159 163
PN

(Min) 145 146 143 150 155 154 147 141 140 145 156 155

(Max) 149 150 152 154 159 159 154 153 144 153 160 160

Source: US Wheat Associates, New Delhi.

GM : (Gulf of Mexico)
PN : (Pacific North West)

I.G.C. GRAIN MARKET INDICATORS - WHEAT EXPORT PRICES FOR THE YEAR-2000 (US$/MT)

Variety Jan Feb March April May June July Aug Sept Oct Nov Dec

1.Argentina
Min 92 98 102 104 112 123 119 102 120 108 112 114

(New Crop)
Max 103 100 104 111 127 127 123 107 125 111 113 118

2. Australia

(ASW) Min 132 133 130 131 134 138 135 135 143 153 160 160
Max 136 138 137 132 139 148 141 145 147 160 163 164

3. Canada CWRS 13.5%   ST. Law
Min 148 148 144 146 148 147 138 134 140 147 150 159
Max 155 153 149 149 152 150 146 144 143 151 162 163

4. EC   (French)
Min 89 95 96 94 99 100 103 91 102 97 99 103
Max 98 99 99 99 106 102 103 105 106 102 102 106

5. US DNS 13%
Min 139 138 142 142 142 142 136 131 142 140 149 151

(Gulf)
Max 144 143 146 143 147 144 139 134 144 145 49 154

6. US No.2 HAD (Gulf) Lakes
Min NA NA NA NA NA NA NA NA NA NA NA NA
Max NA NA NA NA NA NA NA NA NA NA NA NA

7. US No.2 HRW

(ord) (Gulf)
Min 107 110 109 111 113 116 114 111 121 127 128 128
Max 114 116 116 113 119 123 118 122 124 135 132 132

8. US No.2 SRW (ord) Gulf
Min 95 97 96 97 100 99 90 88 98 102 104 106
Max 102 105 102 98 108 104 94 99 102 109 106 108

9. US No.2 SWW (PNW)
Min 106 112 103 105 107 106 101 98 102 104 109 110
Max 112 114 108 108 110 109 104 102 104 107 112 111

Source: International Grain Council London

STATEMENT SHOWING MONTHLY MAXIMUM MINIMUM AND AVERAGE INTERNATIONAL F.O.B PRICE OF WHITE SUGAR (L.D.P.) (IN US $ PMT) FROM APRIL, 2000 TO FEBRUARY, 2001.

(In US$ PMT.), F.O.B.)

S.No.	Month	Maximum	Minimum	Average
	YEAR, 2000			
1.	April	197.00	184.40	190.68
2.	May	216.50	191.80	200.39
3.	June	249.05	216.50	234.44
4.	July	280.00	237.70	250.85
5.	August	279.00	263.30	270.86
6.	September	270.00	240.00	258.84
7	October	270.50	242.00	259.37
8.	November	255.00	225.00	243.04
9.	December	251.60	232.50	241.41
	YEAR, 2001			
10.	January	252.50	233.50	248.40
11.	February	247.50	223.00	234.95

Source: S.T.C

The CIPs of wheat and rice have been revised with effect from 25.7.2000, as follows:-

(Rs. Per Quintal)

Commodity	BPL	APL
Wheat	415	830
Rice		
(i) Common	565	565
(ii) Grade `A`	-	1130

Govt. of India has also permitted the State Govt.s/UTs to purchase wheat against APL allocation from January, 2001, at the prevailing Open Market Sale Scheme (Domestic) prices. The current OMSS(D) price applicable for March, 2001 for North Zone, MP and Chhatisgarh is Rs. 650/- per quintal and for rest of the Zones it is Rs. 700/- per quintal.